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## GERMANS DRIVE TWO MILES CLOSER TO THE VERDUN STRONGHOLD

Crown Prince Reported Bringing Up 100,000 Fresh Troops for Final Smash at French Positions On Hill Crest.

## TEUTONS GAIN ON BOTH WINGS

Berlin Announces Capture of 4,000 More Prisoners, Bringing Total Taken During Battle Up to 25,000. Struggle Nears Climax.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, March 8.—The Germans on the front northwest of Verdun have driven in the French positions below Bethincourt on a front of nearly four miles for a distance of two miles. They are now before the second line of French defenses. The Crown Prince is reported bringing up 100,000 fresh troops for a final smash at the hill top positions held by the French. Besides winning back the Hardaumont redoubt east of the Meuse, the Germans report the capture of Regneville, as well as the heights of Raben and Cumires Woods. Severe losses were inflicted on the French, especially in the latter locality, where the Berlin statement reports "a great number of the occupants perished."

4,000 More Prisoners Taken.  
The Germans have taken an additional 4,000 prisoners, increasing the number of captives made during the Verdun battle to more than 25,000.

The French drove the Germans from the greater part of Corbeaux woods, the report adds.

The German line east of the Meuse now extends along the southern slopes of Cote du Talon, Cote du Poivre (Pepper Hill) and on to Douaumont, according to the Berlin statement. The operations west of the river were undertaken in a line-straightening operation.

Here, the heights of Raben and the Cumires Woods are slightly south of Goose Hill and northeast of Dead Man's Hill (Mort Homme), two dominating heights held by the French. The Berlin report indicates that the French control of these vital positions is imperilled. The capture of the two crests would give the German guns a clear sweep against the forts defending Verdun further south, on the west bank of the Meuse, and would bring the Germans before the third line, or inner ring of the Verdun defenses.

Battle Now Near Climax.  
The day was one of tremendous slaughter, in which fresh thousands were shattered in the sea of steel. The battle is rapidly approaching its climax. The vital stage, the best military authorities agree, is only a matter of a few days.

The French are keeping up a sharp bombardment of a number of villages captured by the Germans. Blaincourt, Grimancourt and the environs of Fregnes are all under fire.

## "Girl Soldiers"

The Czar admits it: Russia's Numerous Amazons Fighting as Bravely as Russia's Bravest Men.

## "The Most Dangerous Job in the World"

—is just being a tiny, wondering baby.

## "Uncle Sam" Guards Against Another Titanic Tragedy

The little "Seneca" has steamed out into the ocean. The sturdy little craft has gone to take up her position in "the nastiest place in the Atlantic."

## "Gossip, as Usual" England's New War Cry

These are some of the exclusive features to be found only in the four-color magazine section of next Sunday's Herald. There is the comic supplement, also in four colors with "Hairbreadth Harry," "Relentless Rudolph," "Belinda, the Beautiful Boilermaker," "Charlie," "The Van Loons," "Terry and Tacks," etc.

—and more special features such as Army and Navy News, Complete Dramatic News, Fraternal News, Women's Club News, Sporting News, etc., than you'll find in any other Washington Sunday newspaper, and all the news.

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Sunday Herald 1 Cent

P. 8.—Last Sunday the entire edition was sold out early in the day. Avoid disappointments—order your copy of next Sunday's Herald from your news-dealer today, or phone Main 3209.

## Taking of Hill Cost 20,000 German Lives

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, March 8.—Capture of Hill 265 south of Forges on the western bank of the Meuse, cost the Germans 20,000 men, including many officers, it was estimated today. A whole division was decimated and among the officers of high rank who were killed was Lieut. Gen. von Graf, who fell while leading a charge of Bavarians. The artillery fire of the Teutons is described as "unprecedented" and "murderous."

## CAR MEDIATORS SILENT AFTER FIRST MEETING

Conferees Discuss Reinstatement of Discharged Employees at Initial Session.

## TO RESUME WORK TODAY

Thirty-three Railway Men Said to Have Been Ousted Since March 1.

Conferees looking to the amicable settlement of the differences existing between officials and employees of the two Washington traction companies were begun in the offices of the presidents yesterday. The conferees are committees composed of three representatives of the employees and three representatives of the officials of each company.

The meeting between officials and employees of the Washington Railway & Electric Company convened at 10 o'clock and adjourned for the day at 4:35 o'clock. The Capital Traction Company meeting convened at 11 o'clock and adjourned for the day at 5 o'clock.

Announcement was made on adjournment for lunch of the committee at 12:15 o'clock that it was mutually agreed to make no statement of the progress of the conference until the final meeting on Friday.

The second meeting has been called for 10:30 o'clock this morning in the offices of the presidents. No night meetings will be held unless it is considered necessary tomorrow, in the event of a slight disagreement that a longer conference might eliminate.

It was learned last night that practically the entire morning session yesterday was taken up with "oiling the machinery" for a quick dispatch of all the issues involved.

Discuss Reinstatement.  
Shortly before the noon adjournment the question of the reinstatement of the men discharged after February 29 for the alleged reason of affiliation with the newly organized union, was taken up. The committee representing the employees did not have the list of men, and it was necessary for them to return to headquarters. The question was taken up immediately after reconvening at 2 o'clock.

Thirty-three men are alleged by the employees' committee to have been discharged after February 29.

## Soft Coal Wage Agreement Made

New Two Years' Scale Adds About \$15,000,000 to Annual Cost.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, March 8.—Industrial peace for the next two years was assured to the bituminous coal regions by the ratification this evening of the agreement reached by subcommittees of operators and workers. There was speculation among consumers all day, following the publication of the terms of agreements, as to its effect on retail bituminous prices.

All agreed the added cost to operators will be about \$15,000,000 a year. It was pointed out that keen competition in the bituminous coal field will operate to limit the retail price advance.

The contract will be signed at 1 o'clock tomorrow at the Hotel McAlpin, and will be known as the McAlpin agreement.

Determination of soft coal differences clears the way for consideration of the demands of anthracite workers. This will begin at the Union League Club tomorrow afternoon.

British Mourn Carmen Sylva.  
London, March 8.—The British court will go into mourning for a week for Queen Elizabeth, of Roumania. (Carmen Sylva).

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Baltimore and Ohio Every Hour on the hour, with up and down-town terminals. Rate Saturdays and Sundays, \$1.50; other days, \$1.75 round trip. Adv.

## BRITAIN PLANS TO ADD 200,000 MEN TO NAVY

Churchill Bitterly Assailed by Balfour in House of Commons Debate.

## HITS BLOW FOR BLOW

Intimates Predecessor in Admiralty Was Playing Politics in Attack Yesterday.

## ADMITS DELAY IN PROGRAM

Sea Lord Insists, However, Fleet Is Better Prepared Than Ever Before for Clash.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, March 8.—After a day of bitter debate, the House of Commons this evening passed the government bill providing for a navy of 520,000 men. The naval estimates of 1914-15 provided only for a navy of 161,000 men.

The day's debate turned largely round the charges made yesterday by Col. Winston Churchill reflecting on the administration of the admiralty since he ceased to be its first lord. Churchill's attack upon his successor, Arthur Balfour, has developed into the political sensation of the year.

Mr. Balfour today returned blow for blow. In a speech sprinkled with such adjectives as "contemptible" and "insulting," he openly intimated that Churchill's motives were base and his attitude hypocritical. Out of this washing in public of the dirty linen of the admiralty has come one highly disturbing fact:

There has been delay in the completion of the new British dreadnoughts. Mr. Balfour admitted this delay today. He accounted for it partly by saying that guns and gun mountings designed for the capital ships had been diverted for the use of the monitors.

Charges Inconsistency.  
Taking up Col. Churchill's suggestion that Lord Fisher should be recalled to the admiralty that he might infuse it with more life, Mr. Balfour said: "Col. Churchill never astonished the House more than when he demanded the return of Lord Fisher to the admiralty. That suggestion was listened to with profound stupefaction, for Col. Churchill himself has never made the smallest commitment, either in public or private, of what he thought of Lord Fisher."

"I would regard myself as contemptible beyond expression if I yielded an inch to such a demand. Personally, had I received such a recommendation as did Lord Fisher, I should have considered it an insult."

Mr. Balfour described Churchill's speech as "unfortunate, both in form and substance, and calculated to arouse doubts, misgivings and suspicion."

Navy's Power Growing.  
"I am not pessimistic as to the strength of the fleet," he said. "It is now more powerful than when Col. Churchill left the admiralty. As the months progress, it will become more powerful still."

Col. Churchill made a five-minute reply. He would have made a much stronger speech than he did, he said, only he was restrained by public interests. He denied that his statement had gone beyond the facts and again urged the desirability of attaching Lord Fisher's "great powers" to the admiralty. Col. Churchill's attack on the admiralty commanded wide attention in the newspapers today. Many editorials arraign Churchill's motives and suggest that he desires to return to the cabinet.

## CALLS INDICTMENT OUTRAGE.

Elbert H. Gary Says Facts Do Not Justify Youngstown Prosecution.  
New York, March 8.—"The indictment is an outrage," said Elbert H. Gary this afternoon, when informed that he personally and six steel companies had been indicted at Youngstown, Ohio, for conspiracy to fix the wage scale. "There are no facts to justify the indictments returned against the United States Steel Corporation, the Carnegie Steel Company, or so far as I know, any of the other companies."

Five More Air Raid Victims Die.  
London, March 8.—The war office announced tonight that five persons injured in Sunday's air raid have since died. A revised list of the casualties gives the killed as nine men, four women and five children, and the injured as twenty-two men, twenty-two women and eight children.

Portugal Given Until Saturday.  
London, March 8.—An Exchange telegram says: "It is reported in Frankfurt that unless the German ships seized in Portugal are released prior to Saturday the Portuguese minister to Germany will be handed his passports."

Chinese Rebels Attack Gunboat.  
Hong Kong, March 8.—A steamship manned by eighty Chinese rebels has attacked a government gunboat near Canton with bombs and rifles. One sailor was killed in a fight. The rebels were dispersed by the fire of naval and military guns.

## To Seek Homes For 500 Chicago Babies

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Chicago, March 8.—Five hundred babies will be offered for adoption next Saturday as the climax of Baby Week observance in Chicago.

Directors of Chicago's baby show, in which 3,000 infants are competing, say charitable institutions have agreed to the plan and will place orphans at disposal of physicians and club women for a wholesale adoption campaign.

## HOUSE PROBE OF BORLAND'S PORK PLAN IS URGED

Representative Callaway Introduces Resolution Demanding Explanation.

## PROJECT IS EXPOSED

Army Engineer Chief Must Explain Why Officer's Report Was Overruled.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Calling upon the chief of engineers of the army to give "full and definite reasons" for the overruling of Lieut. Col. Herbert Deakne in favor of the \$35,000,000 "pork barrel" Missouri River project, Representative Callaway, of Texas, yesterday introduced a resolution which recites in detail all the facts as first exposed by The Herald.

The resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, threatens to cause no end of trouble, as a complete investigation would disclose to the country the alarming extent to which army engineers are forced by political influence in behalf of favored river and harbor projects.

The resolution follows: "Whereas on April 22, 1915, Lieut. Col. Herbert Deakne, of the Corps of Army Engineers, pursuant to a law for re-examination, reported to the chief of engineers that 'the present and reasonably prospective commerce on the Missouri River between Kansas City and the mouth is not sufficient to warrant the continuance of the present project' and apart from snagging 'that all other work be stopped,' and

Only \$10,000 Saving.

"Whereas said report was based upon the fact that notwithstanding \$25,000,000 heretofore spent on the entire river, navigation had practically disappeared; that the proposed project involved a further appropriation and expenditure of \$14,000,000 more; that the average cost to the government from interest charges and maintenance will be \$1,000,000 annually; that the total saving in freight charges on the insignificant commerce of 1915 was about \$10,000 (page 1) or a prospective direct annual loss to the government of \$1,000,000 annually for the 400-mile stretch of the Missouri River from Kansas City to the mouth, and

"Whereas Col. Deakne and Col. Townsend by such reports emphatically protested against paying over \$1,000,000 annually

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## Big German Fleet Reported at Large

Dutch Fishing Captain Hailed by Commander in North Sea, He Says.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
The Hague, March 8.—A German fleet of twenty-nine warships, including battleships, small cruisers and destroyers, was at large in the North Sea day before yesterday, according to the captain of a Dutch fishing lugger which has arrived at Scheveningen.

The Dutch captain, as reported in the newspaper Vaderland, states that 'on Monday at midday, thirty-five miles northwest of Ymuiden, he was hailed by a battleship of this squadron.

The commander of the battleship asked the fishing skipper if he had seen an English fleet. Having obtained the information desired, the German squadron steamed north-northeast, says the skipper.

Ymuiden is a Holland seaport about seventy-five miles north of The Hague. The point where the captain of the fishing boat claims he encountered the German fleet is almost directly opposite Yarmouth, England.

## Mail Protest Reply on Way.

London, March 8.—The joint reply of England and France to the note of the United States protesting against seizures of American mails by British and French warships was forwarded to the British Ambassador in Washington today for presentation to the State Department.

## U. S. TO WARN PEOPLE INDIRECTLY NOT TO BOARD ARMED SHIPS

Probes Planned by State Department Will Serve In Themselves As an Appeal To American Citizens.

## MERCHANTMEN TO BE SEARCHED

If Offensive Armament Is Discovered, Vessels Will Be Ordered Out of Port—Government Also Will Investigate Next Sinking of Armed Ship and Render Verdict.

Americans planning to travel on armed merchantmen flying the flag of any of the European belligerents will receive indirect but effective warning from the State Department that they take passage on such ships at their own risk.

This became known last night after the White House had issued a formal denial of a report circulated in the Capital during the day that the President had decided to issue a formal warning.

The State Department officials, however, did not hesitate to explain that sea-going Americans will presently find themselves as effectually warned against passage on armed merchantmen as though this government had in fact put into force either the Gore or McLemore resolutions. It is to be done in one of two ways:

## WATER POWER BILL IS PASSED

Senate Indorses Shields' Measure by Vote of 46 to 22 After Long Battle.

## OPPONENTS DECLARE BILL FAVORS BIG CORPORATIONS

Several Democrats Characterize Measure as Being "Full of Defects" and Against Public Welfare.

The Senate, by a vote of 46 to 22, passed the Shields water power bill yesterday afternoon after more than three weeks' consideration. Many Republicans voted for it and several Democrats recorded their votes against it after denouncing it as a bad bill.

Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, made a denunciatory speech in opposition to the bill before voting against it, declaring that it gave to corporations of the country rights of incalculable value and that it was a thoroughly bad bill.

Senator Huston, of Wisconsin, an administration Democrat, declared that the bill considered only the interests of "capital seeking investment" and disregarded the interest of the public. He declared that the effect of the bill was to surrender the control of the people exercised through Congress over the navigable waters of the United States to water power companies.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, another Democratic Senator, said that the bill was "full of defects," but he voted for it, believing that the House of Representatives would correct the bill to conform to the public interest.

Senator James, of Kentucky, another Democrat who voted against the bill, asked Senator Walsh if it would be wiser and more patriotic for the Senate to correct the defects in the bill before passing it instead of referring it to another house, trusting to that body to correct the Senate's mistakes.

Senator Walsh responded that the interests of the public demanded some legislation for the development of the water power resources of the United States. He declared that for eight or ten years water power development had stood still in the United States, while it had been going on in every other country in the world. The Senator expressed the fear that if the Senate allowed the opportunity to go by, "a session of Congress would go by without action, and the result would be little short of 'a crime.'"

Senator Newlands, of Nevada, attacked the measure, voted against it, and read the Democratic party another lecture on disregarding its platform pledges.

## ARDENT LOVE NOTES MAKE JURORS LAUGH

But Wife Sheds Tears in Court at Endearing Terms Lavished on Hubby.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, March 8.—Twelve neutral jurors, picked because they believed the affections of a married couple cannot be measured in dollars and cents, today heard some of the 140 burning love letters from Mrs. Minerva B. Toier, wealthy widow and member of the famous de Puyester family, to Patrick Joseph Bennet Francis Carey.

Even supreme Court Justice Philbin indulged in a smile at the letters. Some of the jurors laughed, but Mrs. Ellanabeth Carey, wife of Patrick, who is suing Mrs. Toier for \$500,000 for the alleged theft of her husband's affections, dropped an occasional tear as she heard her husband called "my darling love," "my dearest boy, and other sweet things."

## CITES HAGUE CONVENTION.

German Writer Points Out It Did Not Mention Armed Traders.  
Berlin, March 8 (via Sayville).—Dr. Otto Telch, authority on international law, writing in the Cologne Gazette, says: "International law is only valid by the consent of civilized nations which observe it. Therefore, the English contention that armed merchantmen are allowed by international law is wrong, since Germany has never agreed to any such proposition. The English claim for admission of armed merchant ships to neutral ports is a one-sided declaration. 'Armed merchant ships were not mentioned in The Hague convention.'"

To Continue German Propaganda.  
New York, March 8.—Undaunted by the decisive tabling of the McLemore resolution warning Americans off armed merchantmen of the allies, Alphonse G. Koelbe, president of the United German Societies, today declared that the propagandists would not abandon their work in Congress. "No crime has been charged against me," he said. "I and my associates are within our rights. We are engaged in politics, not treason or espionage."